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SUBJECT: FREE DEMOCRATS NAME NEW DEFENSE SPOKESMAN

1. JUERGEN MOELLEMANN, THIRTY-YEAR OLD FDP BUNDESTAG
REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MUENSTER AREA IN NORTH RHINE
WESTPHALIA, HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED DEFENSE SPOKESMAN
FOR HIS FRAKTION, REPLACING LOTHAR KRALL. THIS SURPRISE
ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN GREETED IN FDP QUARTERS AS A
SIGN THAT THE FREE DEMOCRATS WILL ACCORD INCREASED
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ATTENTION TO AN AREA SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED BY THE PARTY

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

2. UNTIL NOW MOELLEMANN HAS BEEN CHIEFLY INVOLVED IN YOUTH AND EDUCATION AFFAIRS IN THE BUNDESTAG. IN AN OCT. 14 CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBOFF HE REVEALED A DESIRE TO COMBINE HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE WITH HIS FORMER ACTIVITY, AS HE FEELS IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE YOUNGER FRG GENERATION APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND ITS OBLIGATIONS ON THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN.

3. MOELLEMANN IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF STANDARDIZATION AMONG NATO MEMBERS. HE IS A FORMER BUNDESWEHR AIRBORNE TRAINEE, WHO IS EVEN NOW A DEVOTED PARACHUTIST IN HIS FREE TIME. MOELLEMANN IS ESPECIALLY STRUCK BY THE LARGE WASTE OF FUNDS IN THE FIELD OF AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT. HE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, QUITE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE HEAVY MRCA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS EXPENDED THUS FAR BY THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. A MORE BUSINESS-LIKE AND SHARED TRANS-ATLANTIC STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM MUST, HE FEELS, BE ESTABLISHED.

4. MOELLEMANN CLEARLY SEES THE NEED TO MAINTAIN VIABLE FRG FORCES TO COUNTER THE SOVIET THREAT. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE NOTES THAT THE SOVIET FORCES ALSO PROVIDE A BUFFER BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE PRC. MOELLEMANN WAS IN THE PRC LAST YEAR WITH AN FRG PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA. PRC LEADERS, HE FEELS, SUPPORT EUROPEAN UNITY ONLY AS LONG AS THEY STAND TO BENEFIT. ONCE THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WEAR ONE ANOTHER DOWN SUFFICIENTLY, THE CHINESE THINK, THEN THEY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE OVER.

5. MOELLEMANN SPENT FIVE WEEKS ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO CALIFORNIA AND THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST THIS PAST SUMMER. WHILE HIS ENGLISH IS HALTING AND HE WAS GENERALLY ON HIS OWN, THE PHYSICAL BEAUTY OF THE U.S. AND THE FRIEND-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LINES OF AMERICANS WHOM HE MET MADE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON HIM. AS A RESULT, AT PRESENTHE IS PRONOUNCEDLY PRO-AMERICAN.

COMMENT: MOELLEMANN COULD IN TIME PROVE TO BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE FDP. THE FREE DEMOCRATS HAVE BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY. ONE CAN SPECULATE THAT PARTY CHIEF GENSCHER MOST PROBABLY

WOULD LIKE A RELIABLE AND CAPABLE STAFFER IN THE DEFENSE FIELD ALSO, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN BUDGET TRIMMING AND THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF ARMAMENTS EXPORTS ARE TOPICS OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE IN THE FRG.

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